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wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently H or $(CH_2)_nCH_3$, wherein $n=8-22$, provided that at least one of R_1 and R_2 is H, wherein M^+ is a cation selected from the group consisting of H, Na, K, NH_4 , basic amino acids, Ba, Ca, Mg, Al, Ti, and Zr, and y is an integer of a value satisfying the valency of M^+ .

9(amended). A water-thin emulsion comprising a non-phospholipid, non-ethoxylated pseudoemulsifier system, the system having a chemical composition with at least one hydrophobic moiety and at least one polar moiety, the size, shape and/or planar arrangement of the hydrophobic and polar moieties being asymmetrical with respect to each other, in which the pseudoemulsifier is surfactin.

17(amended). A water-thin emulsion comprising a non-phospholipid, nonethoxylated pseudoemulsifier system, the system comprising at least two hydrophobic moieties, at least two polar moieties, or at least two of both hydrophobic and polar moieties, in which the system comprises xanthan, polyglucomannnan, a high HLB emulsifier, and a low HLB emulsifier.

18(amended) A water-thin emulsion comprising a non-phospholipid, nonethoxylated pseudoemulsifier system, the system comprising at least two hydrophobic moieties, at least two polar moieties, or at least two of both hydrophobic and polar moieties, in which the system comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of glycerol esters, sucrose esters, and a sucrose or a glucose ester, and in which the system comprises xanthan, polyglucomannnan, a high HLB emulsifier, and a low HLB emulsifier.

28. (amended) The emulsion of claim 27 in which at least one of the compounds comprises a long, straight-chain hydrocarbon moiety.

34. (amended) A multiple emulsion comprising the emulsion of claim 7.)

2-amino-2-oxo-3-phenylpropanoic acid